

the present and disgust for the past!

Oh Lord, how long!! how long!

A burning desire to do all that can be done to save lost and benighted souls and nourish the cause is read as rapid strides for selfaggrandizement.

Anxiety to be impartial and just is judged to be the hideous skeleton of jealousy, seeking to be fleshed and fat.

Action prompted by conviction of duty and the fear of the Lord, is hailed as the inexpressible demeanor of a creature drunken with flattery.

And truth flowing from the fountain, unseasoned and unstained, is labelled as the veriest falsehood.

"How oft we wish amidst the scene to find,
Some spot to real happiness consign-
ed;

Where our worn soul each wandering
hope at rest,
May gather bliss to see our people
blest."

But no relief there is for the present, and many new responsibilities for the future, and no new wisdom, and no new strength. Oh that our head was a fountain of waters that we might weep large and bitter tears, sigh for an untroubled rest, unroll the curtain of life, and pass from the mortal scene forever.

Not so, says Christ: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Brethren, devout and holy, pray that there may be strength and wisdom and moderation and devotion and humility and purity for the future, and grand results for the good cause. With this prayer let us commence the next six months' toil and sacrifice.

The Home.

The birth-day anniversary of this Nation is again passed, and the faint echoes of the noise and celebration attending it may yet be heard. This day is worthy of remembrance, because upon that day God chose a number of devoted men to append their names to a document which became the ensign of freedom for the home and freedom for religious sentiment.

Home, in its broad application, comprises the foundation of the measure of happiness that man enjoys. The Home is an institution of divine organization, and the dearest ties that entwine about human hearts are formed and strengthened there. It is the throne and vassalage of love, and the branches go beyond the confines of mortal apprehension, and fastens a film in the realm of heaven. Pious devotion loves to honor God; benevolence desires to relieve distress; hope soars away on the wings of imagination and intrudes upon the very threshold of angles and spirits and expatiates upon the joys of a fairer clime; spirituality confides in gracious promises; and conscientiousness trusts in the equity of Eternal Justice, but to the Home alone belongs the prerogative to furnish a foretaste of perfect love and unbroken joy. All there is of earth that is desirable is the Home. Man is a stranger and sufferer, as a part of the earth, without. Wealth, honor, fame and glory, in themselves afford no true happiness; they create no sanctified love, they nourish no associations that endure through the mists and become brighter as the dust

of time sweeps over it, no tender ties that the vicissitudes of terrestrial existence would seem to loose at every turn and yet stronger than even life itself and draw out and dwell with the silent hosts.

The sanctifying influences of the true home are more powerful in their effects upon the character of its participator than is the strongest leaven upon the substance that it is used to change.

Visit the dissipated, the wretched, the deprived and the miserable and inquire about their homes. In every instance they will be found strangers to that domestic haven, and unconscious of its power, or to have followed some vain delusion that stole them from the embraces of true affection and bound up the fountain that brings forth the sweets that dispel the bitterness of life and make an excuse for the earthly abode till the allotted time is filled.

The Home is the dearest spot on earth and its rights and privileges should be protected, and the heart should be lifted up in gratitude to the Giver and Preserver of all that is desirable, and remember the blessings conferred in the past.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner is expected to preach at the College next Lord's day.

Bro. Mallott writes that he baptized four at Lanark, Ill., on the 27th, and one was added by relation.

It is not egotism for a brother to write what he is doing in the Lord's field, if it is done in an humble way.

A brother from Wayne county paid us a visit last week, and we can't mind his name. Wish he would write.

On May 22nd, brother A. F. Koontz was installed as a minister in the church near Harrisonburg, Va.

Sister Hannah Garber, member of the German Baptist brethren, died at her residence in this place, last Monday morning in the 52nd year of her age.

We wish to direct attention to the article by brother Ridenour in this number, and trust that minister everywhere will give the subject urged upon them their attention.

The new College circulars are out with announcements for 1886-7. Will those who are interested send the College the names of those who wish to attend school.

It is the constant wearing of the water and substance it carries that cuts the hard rock away; so it is constant and persistent work and presentation of truth that crushes and drives away the power of sin.

Bro. Ed. L. Hildebrand's vacation in Iowa will be a busy one if he performs the work planned for him by the churches out that way. Our young preachers certainly cannot complain of a lack of encouragement to develop their preaching qualities.

Bro. Josiah Keim writes that they are all well pleased over the S. S. convention, and expresses many thanks to the dear brethren

and sisters for their service in making it so. We are pleased to hear such good news from the minister in charge of the Louisville church.

Brother Bashor will hold meetings at Milford, North Manchester and Tiosa, Indiana, this fall. He thinks this will be about all the work his health will allow during one trip. He has given no further promise for work as yet so we are informed. His health is apparently growing vigorously and permanently strong.

Bro. A. D. Gnagey, is again at his home at Myersdale, Pa. He preached at Pony Creek, Kans.; Falls City, Neb.; Waterloo, Iowa; and Lanark, Ill.; all of which places want ministers. He expects to move west and will most likely locate at one of the above points, when his present engagement has expired. Bro. Gnagey is a good preacher, and an excellent man, neighbor and citizen, and will be a favorite wherever he labors.

Bro. Bashor has been secured to dedicate the church now under state of erection at Milford, Ind. The dedication will occur about the last Lord's day in September or the first in October. A revival meeting is to follow the dedication. Enon church has invited Bro. Mallott to occupy the pulpit, and hold some revival meetings in Bro. Bashor's absence. These exchanges of labor between the churches are fraternally beneficial and pleasant.

For some time past it has been currently reported that Bro. Bashor would give up the pastorate of Enon church, Waterloo, Iowa, and reenter the general evangelist work. At a business session of the church Tuesday evening June 26th, he tendered his resignation to take effect the first of October. By a unanimous vote the resignation was rejected and the pastorate tendered him for another year. Arrangements are being made to allow him more time for revival work in the future than in the past.

The following item is from the *Myersdale Commercial*, under the title of Salisbury, Somerset Co., Pa., and was reported by a German Baptist preacher: "The preaching of Elder Silas Hoover last week was very effective. There were 27 additions to the Brethren church and the Love-feast on Saturday evening was the largest one held for several years." Our correspondent informs us that the congregation at Salisbury is progressive in every way except in identifying themselves with us. Silas Hoover ought to be set in order for preaching for the "Brethren church," some would say.

Bro. P. J. Brown has something to say in this number about the Ohio Mission work. That is right, the brethren should write and admonish diligence in the different good works. The workers in the church everywhere should remember the different departments, and write as men of authority and not as a scribe, and be free. The *EVANGELIST* is the organ of the church, and it is your paper as much as ours in this respect, and all ought to feel so. Do not depend upon us to look after this branch of the

different works. We have a sermon to preach each Lord's day, and we are expected to say something interesting with a progressive ring, all the way from five to fifteen columns of writing to do each week, four to seven hands to oversee and keep busy, and the whole care of the office to carry and correspondence to look after. Beside this some manuscript must be edited and examined, the proof read, etc. Then when kind brethren and friends call upon us, we are expected to wear a pleasant countenance and stop to talk with them awhile and show them some courtesy. If we do not, they will go away grieved, and feel that we are very ungrateful, inasmuch as they have done us so many favors and are our brethren. These things make busy times for us, and we must write in a hurry, think in a hurry, and act in a hurry, and without reflection and consideration. We do this because all of our workers are over-worked, and we cannot muster courage to ask any one to work for nothing, and our people know that our business is not self-sustaining, and that one dollar saved now will be equal to ten in our business in a few years from now. We have no time to get angry at any one, nor to study how to please our brethren; and if we miss the mark occasionally, or fail to perform a duty, do not think that we are out with you, dead set against you, and wish that you were something else than a member of the Brethren Church. So, Bro. Brown and Mason, Ridenour and Shaver and McFadden and Bashor and Gnagey and Summers, Mallott and Cober and Jacobs and Keim and Wampler and the sisters and many others whom we have not time to mention, take your pens and write to encourage the good works of the church, and write as brethren and sisters having authority and not as scribes. We are not working for glory nor money, but for a grand success for our church, and blessed are we if we all do this. Don't write suggestions to us about church work. We have no time to think about them if you do. Write them for the *EVANGELIST* and the brethren.

Received from F. C. Shaper, June 22nd, 1886, \$6.40, to apply on Kansas Mission work. Balance due me, \$8.30.

Received June 26th, 1886, by C. Strayer, from Maple Grove church, Norton Co. Kansas, ten dollars to apply on missionary funds. Surplus in my hands up to date, \$1.70. I have given \$5.00 to this cause. Will give five more if each church in Kan. will raise its quota, one dollar per member.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Our new church house at McKees, Blair Co., Pa., will be dedicated (no preventing providence) on Sunday, July 11th, at 10 a. m. Invitation general.

W. L. SPANOGLE, Pastor.

Western Pa., S. S. Convention.

Please say through the B. E. that the Executive Committee have accepted the invitation of Berlin congregation to entertain the S. S. convention of Western Penn., to be held Sept., 14th and 15th, in the Brethren meeting-house, Berlin, Somerset Co., Pa.; and, so that ample arrangements for accommodation can be made,

all who expect to attend are requested to send their names to the undersigned when they will also be furnished with excursion orders on the B. & O. R. R., East of the Ohio River. Programme will appear in due time.

JOHN H. KNEPPER,
Chairman Ex. Com.
Berlin, Pa., July 1st, 1886.

Two Gentlemen.

I saw two gentlemen on a street-car lately. One of them was grown up. He was handsomely dressed in a gray business suit, and had very neat kid gloves and fine boots. The other was about twelve years old. His jacket had several patches and needed more, and his shirt was of brown cotton, and not very clean. Do you wonder how I knew he was a gentleman? I will tell you. The boy went through the car to give some message to the driver. As he returned he gave a little jump through the door, as he did so his bare foot touched the grown gentleman's knee and left a little mud on it. Turning around on the platform, he raised his straw hat and said very politely in a clear tone, "Please excuse me." Then the other gentleman bowed in his turn, just as he would have done to one of his own age, and said with a pleasant smile, "Certainly."—*Youth's World*.

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DEAR EDITOR:—You made a mistake of \$1.00 in the "Sisters' Club" that I sent from Fairview. Mary A. Murray's name was left out; she also wrote the letter instead of Mary Murray, as it appeared in the paper. Rollen should be Polen.

M. A. M.

Aleppo, Pa.

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